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1. EMBOFFS DISCUSSED PROGRAM AND LOGISTICS WITH GURYANOV AND AKIMOV OF PRESIDUM OF SUPREME SOVIET USSR (DEPARTMENT FOR INTERNATIONAL CONTACTS) JULY 14. GURYANOV THOUGHT PROGRAM AS OUTLINED IN MOSCOW 9309 WOULD BE GENERALLY SATISFACTORY AND UNDERTOOK TO DISCUSS IT WITH HIS SUPERIORS. HE INDICATED THAT SUPREME SOVIET HAD RECEIVED LITTLE ON PROGRAM FROM SOVIET EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON OTHER THAN INDICATION CODEL WISHED TO MEET WITH PONOMAREV AND PODGORNYY.

2. EMBOFFS UNDERScoreD SPEAKER'S WISH TO LIMIT EACH WORKING SESSION TO MAXIMUM OF TWO HOURS. EMBOFFS UNDERScoreD SPEAKER'S WISH TO LIMIT EACH WORKING SESSION TO MAXIMUM OF TWO HOURS. EMBOFFS ALSO PROPOSED THAT TOTAL OF THREE WORKING SESSIONS BE HELD (TWO ON MONDAY, AUGUST 11, AND A FINAL SESSION TUESDAY MORNING, AUGUST 12).

3. GURYANOV HAD ONE QUESTION REGARDING PROGRAM: SINCE SCHOOLS AND DAY-CARE CENTERS WILL BE CLOSED DURING AUGUST, WOULD WIVES PREFER VISITING PIONEER PALACE

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IN CITY OR PIONEER CAMP NEAR CITY (MONDAY MORNING,

AUGUST 11)? (EMBASSY BELIEVES LATTER WOULD BE MORE INTERESTING AND LIVELY).

4. GURYANOV RAISED FOLLOWING LOGISTICAL MATTERS:

A. WOULD CODEL PREFER HOTEL ROSSIYA (ON RED SQUARE, BUT CROWDED WITH TOURISTS) OR HOTEL SOVIETSKAYA (MORE SEDATE VIP HOTEL LOCATED SEVERAL MILES FROM CENTER OF CITY)?

B. SUPREME SOVIET WISHES TO PAY FOR CODEL'S IN-COUNTRY GROUND TRANSPORTATION, AS U.S. DID FOR PONOMAREV DELEGATION, AS WELL AS FOR IN-COUNTRY GUIDES.

5. EMBASSY CONTROL OFFICERS WILL BE FSO RICHARD COMBS (OFFICE PHONE 252-00-11, EXTENSION 272; HOME PHONE 143-14-72), AND FSO JAMES TAYLOR (OFFICE PHONE 252-00-11, EXTENSION 260; HOME PHONE 243-99-96).

6. IN VIEW CODEL'S REVISED ITINERARY, EMBASSY SUGGESTS THAT COMBS JOIN CODEL UPON ITS ARRIVAL IN LENINGRAD RATHER THAN TRAVELING TO COPENHAGEN AS DISCUSSED IN WASHINGTON. PLEASE ADVISE.

7. FORMAL ATTIRE NOT REQUIRED FOR SOVIET UNION.

8. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE CODEL'S VIEWS ON FOLLOWING MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS WHICH MAY ARISE IN OUR FOLLOW-UP CONTACTS WITH SUPREME SOVIET:

A. WILL SOME OF CODEL'S SOVIET HOSTS BE INVITED TO FLY WITH CODEL IN ITS AIRCRAFT FROM MOSCOW TO BLACK SEA? IF SO, PLEASE ADVISE NUMBER OF AVAILABLE SEATS (CONTROL OFFICER COMBS WILL PLAN TO ACCOMPANY CODEL TO BLACK SEA, AS AGREED IN WASHINGTON).

B. DOES CODEL WISH TO SCHEDULE PRESS CONFERENCE WITH MOSCOW-BASED U.S. NEWSMEN (BEST TIME PROBABLY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WOULD BE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER LAST WORKING SESSION AUGUST 12)?

C. WE ASSUME CODEL WILL WISH TO FOLLOW PATTERN OF PONOMAREV AND HUMPHREY/SCOTT DELEGATIONS BY NOT ISSUING JOINT COMMUNIQUE AT END OF VISIT.

D. WILL ENTIRE CODEL STAFF ATTEND WORKING SESSIONS WITH SUPREME SOVIET? DOES

CODEL WISH EMBASSY REPRESENTATIVES
ATTEND (IT WOULD BE HIGHLY USEFUL FOR US
TO DO SO)?

9. EMBASSY FORESEES NO PROBLEM WITH FINANCIAL
ARRANGEMENTS BUT WOULD APPRECIATE CODEL'S COOPERATION
IN CONSOLIDATING CHARGES FOR HOTEL
ROOMS AND MEALS INTO ONE BILL.
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